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Chapter 281 Two Madams Were Scheming

"Madam, will others know this?" Countess Yong looked at Madam of Duke Xing frightenedly with a tea cup in her shaking hand.

"Absolutely, no!" said Madam of Duke Xing leisurely. With her pinkie up, she slowly reached out and took the tea cup from the table, and sipped. As putting down the cup slowly, she said, "If you dare not do that, that's fine. Anyway, this event will affect only your mansion. I have nothing to do with this."

"But, I..." As there were no others here, Countess Yong looked a little bit pale, wondering whether she could make it.

"Fine, just let it go. You know, it will only be a little bit detrimental to the virtue of your mansion now. Fortunately, your Duke Yong's Mansion is not going to fall down and you can still have a bright future. Then you need to do good to make merits for you future generation. By the way, your eldest son is not a kid now, is he? When will he get married?"

Madam of Duke Xing asked with a half smile.

Her words struck Countess Yong whose face suddenly turned deadly pale. "We would have no future if we had no way to get through this! Even though Duke Yong's Mansion seems to be successful and powerful now, it has been inwardly weak. My eldest son, Di Yan not only ruins his reputation by himself but, what's worse, he is going to marry Qin Yuru who has a quite bad reputation. If we had no means to cancel this engagement, Duke Yong's Mansion would absolutely fall down in a hundred years!"

"There would be no need to care about our future generation if our mansion fell down!"

Thinking for a while, Countess Yong gnashed her teeth and quickly raised her head and replied. "Thank you for your advice!"

Since Countess Yong promised to do this, Madam of Duke Xing smiled much more brightly. She sighed. "Honestly speaking, I quite like that girl before. You know, she is very pretty! However, she is also very cunning! How can she try to butter up Rui'an Great Elder Princess by using Hao'er! The worse thing is that she even wants to achieve her goal by trampling on us! Even though I can stand this, the Old Madam can't!"

"That b*tchy girl even dares to trample on you!" Countess Yong shouted in shock.

Every aristocratic family knew the complicated story between Duke Xing's Mansion and Rui'an Great Elder Princess. They all knew that if there had not been Shao Yuanhao, these two big families would have had a fight.

When the last heir of Duke Xing wanted to marry Princess Qinghua, Rui'an Great Elder Princess' daughter, the whole Duke Xing's Mansion opposed this engagement. However, since the Emperor agreed, Duke Xing's Mansion had to agree reluctantly.

Even though Princess Qinghua enjoyed a high status in the capital city, Duke Xing's Mansion was also superior to the other aristocrat families. As the whole Duke Xing's Mansion had still been opposed to this marriage, it was said that Princess Qinghua had always been sullen in that there were some other

elders in the mansion who had suppressed her all the time. Later, since the last Heir of Duke Xing felt heartbroken when seeing her like this, he decided to leave Duke Xing's Mansion with her.

However, unfortunately, it was because they left Duke Xing's Mansion that a series of tragedies happened.

Because of this, Rui'an Great Elder Princess had always thought that it was Duke Xing's Mansion who killed her daughter and had hated their guts. Since then, she would seize every chance to embarrass Duke Xing's Mansion in any case.

However, Duke Xing's Mansion had to give in when confronted with the eldest royal princess.

Nobody dared to get involved in this in that they didn't want to offend these two families and were unwilling to be impacted. Duke Yong's Mansion didn't expect that Qin Wanru would meddle with it. Madam of Duke Xing sneered and said, "How stupid she is! Idiot! Does she really think that Rui'an Great Elder Princess is superior to us?"

Although Rui'an Great Elder Princess enjoyed a high status in the capital city, she was weak and was a princess who had no son or daughter. Confronted with Duke Xing's Mansion by herself, she had no advantage at all. If she fell down, the whole Great Elder Princess' Mansion would be incapable of suppressing Duke Xing's Mansion. And that was one of the most important reasons that Countess Yong would taunt Qin Wanru.

"In fact, she isn't too stupid!" Madam of Duke Xing meant it. "Without Rui'an Great Elder Princess, Madam Di wouldn't be suppressed by a woman whose status is lower than hers. The reason that Madam Di is suppressed by her is that they get the support of Rui'an Great Elder Princess!"

"What a b*tchy girl! It is she who is playing tricks!" Countess Yong burst into anger and banged on the table heavily with her hand, making her tea spill.

"You don't have to be too anxious. The girl is too cunning. And remember, nobody can trample on us as he or she wants!" Madam of Duke Xing said calmly, seeming that whenever something happened, she looked nice and graceful. Moreover, her eyes were so clear that they made everyone think her of a kind, graceful and elegant lady.

"Don't worry, madam. I won't let this b*tchy girl escape!" Countess Yong responded ferociously with a hint of distaste flickering in her eyes.

When Lan'er came back, she also said that Qin Wanru was a very rebarbative person. It was Lan'er who ordered the jewelry first but Qin Wanru took the lead to pay and take the jewelry, which made Lan'er still couldn't find the jewelry she was satisfied with till now. When Lan'er was in the mansion, she cried so pitifully. When finding her most distressed daughter was bullied in this way, Countess Yong felt extremely mad.

All of a sudden, her worries went away. As long as she could get that b*tchy girl disappeared and make her become a scapegoat for Qin Yuru's faults, Qin Yuru would win her reputation back. As for Di Yan, it would be much easier to whitewash himself. If she failed, then it would be impossible to help her son and her future daughter-in-law whitewash their reputation when they had quite poor reputations now.

Moreover, she understood what Madam of Duke Xing said to her. It was because Shui Ruolan and Qin Wanru, the b*tchy mother and daughter plotted against them that Qin Yuru and Madam Di had come to this. Without Qin Wanru, the little bast*rd, helping Shui Ruolan secretly, Shui Ruolan wouldn't have been able to manage this on her own.

As Shui Ruolan was pregnant now, she must not let Shui Ruolan give birth successfully.

If Duke Yong's Mansion wanted to revitalize themselves, they would need Qin Huaiyong's support with the influence of Ningyuan Army General's Mansion. Therefore, it was of great importance for them to let Qin Huaiyong help Duke Yong's Mansion heart and soul. If Shui Ruolan gave birth, Qin Huaiyong would definitely get distracted and lay Duke Yong's Mansion aside, which was the most intolerable thing for Countess Yong.

Therefore, Qin Wanru was the key!

Finding that Countess Yong was in a daze, Madam of Duke Xing reached out and shook her slender finger in front of Countess Yong. "Well, it is not about whether I like her or not. I do like Qin Wanru. Even though she embarrassed us, I still believe that she is much more useful than Rui'an Great Elder Princess when she becomes my accepted daughter!"

"What? Madam, how..." Countess Yong gasped and suddenly stood up. She didn't want Qin Wanru to have anything to do with Duke Xing's Mansion.

"Calm down. It is only my thought. You know, we, Duke Xing's Mansion and Duke Yong's Mansion are old friends. I will definitely stand by you when it comes to that girl!"

Madam of Duke Xing comforted her with a smile.

Madam of Duke Xing's words sounded contradictory. She seemed to hate Qin Wanru while she also seemed to appreciate her, making Countess Yong not know which one she should believe.

"Thank you, madam. I almost believe that you will adopt her as your accepted daughter!" Countess Yong sat down, taking a sigh of relief.

"She is very shrewd. When I first met her, I did like her but I didn't expect that Old Grandma would ask me to take her as my accepted daughter! Fortunately, Qi Rongzhi, the daughter of Magistrate Qi was there so I could do nothing but promised her. Then it won't bother you!" said Madam of Duke Xing.

Her words sounded very sincerely and almost heart to heart.

Countess Yong was very moved and excited. Nodding heavily, she responded. "I must repeat your words to our Old Madam and let her know your sincere!"

"We are old friends and you really don't have to do that. My Old Madam and your Old Madam have their friendship while we have our own. There is no need to get them involved this!"

Taking her handkerchief out and wiping her mouth very lightly, Madam of Duke Xing smiled and looked calm.

“Okay! Okay! Okay!” Countess Yong kept saying the same word excitedly. She quite feared that Madam of Duke Xing would choose Qin Wanru just now. When Madam of Duke Xing told her all detail of this event, she now felt proud and despised Qin Wanru.

“However clever the mean girl is, Qi Rongzhi will be the winner. Well, Qi Rongzhi is so lucky to benefit from this event.”

“If you can whitewash your future daughter-in-law, I could take her as my accepted daughter. The lady from Qi’s mansion was forced to say ‘yes’ actually and she might not want it sincerely!”

Madam of Duke Xing’s intriguing words cheered up Countess Yong who bowed deeply to Madam of Duke Xing out of excitement. “Madam of Duke Xing, let me thank you for Yuru!”

If Qin Yuru was able to become Madam of Duke Xing’s accepted daughter, she would have very strong backing while Di Yan was also able to benefit from her. Even though he was an immoral person, preference would be given to him because of their backing from Duke Xing’s Mansion.

Today’s Duke Yong’s Mansion was not comparable to Duke Xing’s Mansion at all!

“Dear, you don’t have to do this! We used to be a pair of sisters, right? So it won’t bother me!” Madam of Duke Xing stood up and pretended to hold Countess Yong while a hint of grimness flashed upon her eyes. “This girl shouldn’t be in this world! If she dies, that’s better!”

“If I had found her earlier, there wouldn’t have been so many troubles!”

“Those stupid servants! They have spent years looking for her while she just lives happily under my nose!”

It was a gorgeous day when the royal banquet was held. Although it was in winter, it was warm because there was no wind and it was sunny. It was very comfortable!

Qin Wanru wore a pale pink gauze shirt and a dress embroidered with colorful butterflies. Although there weren’t too many butterflies, the quality and situation of the embroidery was perfect! It seemed that every butterfly was dancing on her dress in a beautiful posture and different shape. With a piece of light gauze around her dress, she seemed to stand in the mist!

Wearing the dress which was embroidered with flying butterflies and with a piece of gauze around, Qin Wanru seemed to be able to fly when a breeze sprang up!

There was an elaborate toggle-and-loop button on her pale pink gauze shirt, which was also designed as a butterfly. It was quite cute and exquisite. Although its style was different from the dress, they were not contradictory!

The belt was covered with a layer of gauze, making the embroidery fanciful and dreamy.

It was Madam Dong who designed for Qin Wanru!

Her look surprised every servant when she dressed up!

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Although Qin Wanru still was a child, she was more slender than before and looked like a woman now. The dress even highlighted her advantages and sent out her mature charm, making others feel that she had grown up.

In fact, it wasn't the best time of a girl but Qin Wanru's gorgeous look still amazed others! After their amazement, those servants turned to focus on the dress!

"Madam Dong is really good at clothing collocation! It is perfect!" Qingyue continued to praise.

"The whole outfit is perfect! I suppose that the clothes made by Butterfly Clothing Shop could sell well! Then we will make a lot of money!" Yujie's eyes narrowed as smiling brightly, seeming that she had seen the view that Butterfly Clothing Shop was so busy and many people were paying for those clothes!

"The last owner of this shop gave us these clothes. I will let Madam Dong contact the master and ask him where he purchased them. Then we can purchase more!" Stroking the dress and the gauze around, Qin Wanru thought that they might not look so nice if they were separated.

However, if the gauze and the dress were put together, they looked dreamy and fanciful, making the one who dressed them seem to stand in the mist.

"Yes, my lady. I will inform Madam Dong of this!" Qingyue answered and was ready to leave and look for Madam Dong in that she knew the one who could follow Qin Wanru to the royal palace was Yujie.

When she was ready, Qin Wanru then went for Old Grandma to take leave. Shui Ruolan was with Old Grandma and she kept nodding with satisfaction. She also thought that Qin Wanru looked gorgeous in that dress for the color suited her while her skin color was suitable for this dress.

Qin Wanru's skin was white while her lips were red, which made others feel that she was a little bit coquettish. However, this dress made her look like a fairy and her decent behavior swept away her coquettish charm but added some elegance and dignity. With this visual impact, people would glance back at her and her dress.

She seemed to be dancing with the dress fluttering. Butterflies seemed to be flying while she was walking.

"Is your jewelry a little bit monotonous?" Old Grandma also satisfied with her dress but when seeing Qin Wanru wear the set of opal, she seemed to not like them.

She preferred those jewelries with redder color because she thought that wearing in red could bring good luck.

"No, grandma, they look nice! They are very pretty!" Qin Wanru smiled and replied as she was shaking her earrings.

This set of jewelry was not bright in that she didn't want to. If the color of the jewelry was too bright, others would only focus on the jewelry but not the dress.

Qin Wanru quite liked them because they were very exquisite.

Old Grandma looked at her jewelry again and thought though they did look simple, the dress made up. Since Qin Wanru liked them, Old Grandma finally smiled and agreed.

There was a large and comfortable cart waiting outside the mansion. The logo of Ningyuan Army General's Mansion was put in a central place. Although it looked simple, this cart was very large and very comfortable, which could match Qin's Mansion.

Generals always liked those carts like this. Although they looked simple, they looked powerful.

Qin Wanru got on the cart with Yujie. Then the cart turned and moved forward and drove along the Zhuque Avenue, the biggest and busiest avenue in the capital city.

Zhuque Avenue was the biggest road in the capital city. One end of this avenue was the main city gate while the other one was the main gate of royal palace. The avenue was busy all the time and it was busier today because there were too many carts moving towards the royal palace to attend the banquet.

A continuous line of gorgeous carts was moving along the Zhuque Avenue. They could also see some young handsome masters passed by their cart by riding a horse.

It seemed that not only ladies would attend the banquet but also some young masters.

Yujie quickly put away Qin Wanru's set of needles and sat beside the window, looking at those carts and horses continuously passing by. As they drove slowly, many carts drove faster and overtook them along the road.

Heavy curtains on the cart were lifted up and there was only a layer of gauze left. Young ladies enjoyed crowds. They had stayed in their court for a very long time so they wanted to take a look through the gauze when it was a really rare chance for them to walk out.

However, it was windy in winter. The wind sometimes blew up the gauze curtain and showed the red lips and white skin of a young lady, which attracted many young masters to get close to those carts and to take a look at the lady clearly!

Qin Wanru's cart was among the throng of carts, moving forward slowly and not conspicuously!

Yujie reached out and grasped the gauze, trying to not let the gauze flap up and to make people inside the cart be able to see clearly through the gauze. The wind was strong but Yujie was strong too. Grasping the gauze would not exhaust her at all. She even was able to chat with Qin Wanru while watching outside.

Suddenly, the cart stopped.

"Second Lady, something happens!" The coachman's voice came from the front.

"What?" asked Qin Wanru.

"I don't know. It seems that two carts collided!" Standing on the shaft of a cart, the coachman tried to check what happened in front of them. However, they were far away from that and he couldn't see clearly through the throng of carts.

The cart stopped and then the other carts around them and behind them also stopped. Everyone was wondering what happened. Some servant girls got off the cart and went forward to see what on earth was going on.

"Lady, I will follow them to see what happened!" Seeing other servant girls get off their carts, Yujie quickly said to Qin Wanru.

They didn't know when they could move and whether the avenue was blocked totally while they were sitting in the cart.

"Hold on!" Shaking her head, Qin Wanru answered.

"Lady, then let me go there to check the situation." The coachman's voice came again in that he also saw many cart drivers go to the front and take a look.

"Don't panic. Just wait!" Qin Wanru's words came from the cart and sounded calm.

As soon as she finished saying, a thump came out and the whole cart shook. Yujie was scared and quickly held Qin Wanru, fearing that her lady would hit the carriage.

"Then What is it this time?" Yujie asked a little bit angrily.

"Second Lady, a man hit our cart!" The coachman's voice came from the front.

"What?" Not understanding what he was talking about, Qin Wanru frowned and asked.

"Second lady, it is this man who hit our cart!" Glaring at the beggar in front of him, the coachman answered angrily.

"No! No! Please let me go! I didn't intend to hit your cart! Please let me go! Second Lady!" It was a fifty- or sixty-year-old beggar. He came from the side of the road and it seemed that he wanted to go across the street. However, it just turned out that he hit the cart of Qin's Mansion. Now he was sitting on the ground, crying loudly.

People around all got stunned and turned their focus on the old beggar.

They all were trying to figure out what happened in the front and nobody knew how this old beggar turned up. Seeing this old beggar crying pitifully, everyone looked at Qin Wanru's cart in a disapproving way and began to discuss.

Yujie lifted the curtain up and bent forward to take a look at the old beggar who hit their cart by himself. Then she said impatiently, "Take him aside!"

The coachman jumped down the cart to hold the old beggar when hearing Yujie's words. However, it seemed that the old beggar hurt heavily and he couldn't pull the old beggar up! Then the old beggar burst out crying again, seeming that the coachman hit him again.

"That hurts! That hurts! Ow! My bone must get smashed! Please let me go, Second Lady! My bone has got smashed and I really didn't intend to hit your cart just now!"

The old beggar cried loudly, which even seemed that it was not he who hit the cart but it was Qin Wanru who hit him deliberately and tried to take him aside regardless of his injury.

People around began to say that it was Qin Wanru who threw her weight around. Even though he was a beggar, he was a man and nobody should despise him and just take him aside!

Some other ladies from aristocrat families even lifted up the curtain and tried to figure out who was in that cart.

“Yujie, you now get off, take him aside and give him some money!” said Qin Wanru. Since it had come to this, she couldn’t ignore anymore.

Although she knew clearly that it was this old man who hit their cart deliberately and he wouldn’t get hurt so severely. However, people here didn’t know this!

People in the cart were almost young ladies and masters from aristocrat families in the Zhuque Avenue today. If Qin Wanru still ignored the old man and just leave him there, making others really believe that it was she who threw her weight around, things would definitely get complicated.

Yujie got off the cart and helped the coachman take the crying old man aside when a good-hearted man found a chair and let the old beggar have a seat.

Yujie took out a little purse from her arms and handed it over to the old man. She smiled and said kindly, “Sir, you’d better see a doctor with the money my lady gives you. Although you hit our cart, we also felt sorry that we shouldn’t park there!”

Yujie actually explained the whole story and pointed out that it was the old man who hit their cart by himself and it was not Qin’s Mansion’s fault!

“I, I can’t walk!” A hint of greediness flashed upon his eyes. The old beggar quickly took the purse and stared at Yujie pitifully while pointing his leg.

The coachman quickly touched his leg which led to the old man’s cry again and then he immediately drew back his hand out of scare.

“There is a hospital in the front and you can go there! You will see it by taking a few steps forward while holding this old man!” another good-hearted man said.

“Right, it is just there! Take him there! It seems that his bone is broken. Young people have to take a rest for a hundred days while he is quite old. It might be difficult to recover when you go there late!” someone answered.

The hospital was on the corner and it was not far because they could see it from here. However, if the coachman and Yujie left, then there was only Qin Wanru left in the cart.

“It doesn’t matter. It won’t take too much time and it seems that it will take a long time to get the avenue unblocked so the cart can still park here!” Another voice came.

The man didn’t say very loudly but everyone nodded in agreement when hearing this suggestion.

Since most people here seemed to stand by the old beggar, Qin Wanru had no choice. Then she said calmly in a low voice, “Yujie, take this old man to see a doctor!”

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Since Qin Wanru said that, Yujie and the coachman had to pull the old beggar up and hurriedly took him to the hospital, trying to quickly finish this by losing money to buy safety. However, when they were not

halfway there, the throng of carts which should be still suddenly moved. Someone shouted that the road was unblocked.

Yujie's face changed and she suddenly pushed the old beggar to coachman's side and said, "I want to check if Lady is alright!"

Then she turned around and was about to leave.

Relatively speaking, Yujie reacted very promptly but a wildly running horse reacted more quickly. Soon, it came up from the corner where they just stood and dashed to Qin's Mansion's cart!

"Lady!" Yujie screamed while running madly to their cart!

The coachman also pushed the old beggar away and ran quickly after Yujie.

Finding that something was wrong, the other cart drivers quickly turned their horses around and tried to pull themselves away from that running horse.

The street was in great chaos. When Qin Wanru heard the noise, she immediately grasped the gauze curtain. Although the curtain was very light, it was very strong and long. As soon as Qin Wanru used the curtain to wrap her hand, she felt that something banged the cart heavily and then she was thrown through the window. There were carts moving outside because they wanted to avoid the running horse.

If Qin Wanru was thrown through the window directly, she would definitely die when she fell down under any cart.

She almost blacked out and still grasped the gauze curtain tightly for she knew this was her only chance to survive. As the agony kept her last stitch of sanity, gnashing her teeth, she held the curtain very tightly in case the curtain would slip from her hand.

At that moment, she finally figured out that it was a scam! A scam against her!

Someone wanted to murder her!

Her body was thrown outside but was pulled back because of the curtain. She found that the cart was getting closer in front of her and then she closed her eyes, pulled her arms up difficultly and was ready for the great pain by hitting the cart heavily.

Screams echoed in the street, making her unable to hear clearly.

"I won't die because of this bang but will only get hurt severely."

However, the expected agony didn't come. Her body seemed to be pulled by something so heavily that the gauze curtain in her hand was broken. Then her body was thrown sideways and, unlike being thrown directly, it seemed that she wouldn't get hurt severely this time. Then she felt that she hit someone.

Then they fell down together.

Because the momentum of being thrown directly disappeared and, moreover, she hit someone, the impact was very small when she fell down. Although she felt painful, it wasn't that kind of agony.

A strange silence suddenly fell.

Qin Wanru opened her eyes quickly and saw Chu Liuchen's handsome but extremely pale face. His lips were light red, making his face look more deadly pale. He just lay under Qin Wanru, without any reaction, seeming that he didn't take a breath anymore.

"Master? Master? Master! How are you, master!" Xiao Xuanzi finally reacted. Shaking, he knelt down by Chu Liuchen's side and hurriedly pulled his body up.

"Lady? Lady!" Yujie ran to her by forcing her way through the crowd.

Qin Wanru immediately reached out and took Chu Liuchen's pulse, regardless of her face which was stained with dirt.

"Imperial physician! Imperial physician! Find an imperial physician!" Xiao Xuanzi shouted loudly and anxiously at people behind him with sweat oozing on his forehead.

An imperial physician quickly ran to them and he was too nervous to care about Qin Wanru who was taking Chu Liuchen's pulse. Then he hurriedly held Chu Liuchen's the other hand and started to feel his pulse

"Soldier, take that horse!" Standing up and wiping the sweat off his face, Xiao Xuanzi gnashed his teeth and gave an order to that soldier.

"If something bad really happens to my master, I won't let go of the man who planned this!"

After hitting the cart, the running horse finally stopped so the soldier quickly caught it and dragged it here.

As a coachman who stood across the street saw this scene, his face changed severely. When finding his horse was taken by the people of Prince Chen's Mansion, he turned around, hid in the crowd and escaped.

"Things are getting terrible! How would the horse hit Prince Chen! What a big trouble!"

Qin Wanru and Yujie were invited to get on the huge cart of Prince Chen's Mansion. Actually, they were asked to get on the cart but out of courtesy, people from Prince Chen's Mansion used the word "invite". Nobody dared to shoulder this responsibility and Xiao Xuanzi dared not to let Qin Wanru and Yujie go because it all started from Qin Wanru. When the soldier used the whip to catch Qin Wanru, he didn't expect that she would hit Chu Liuchen who was quite weak.

"There are so many people there and why did she hit Chu Liuchen!" Xiao Xuanzi got flustered.

A soldier of Prince Chen's Mansion shouted and then their cart headed for the gate of the royal palace.

All carts of those aristocrat families made way for them in that all of a sudden, everyone knew Prince Chen who was weak got hurt severely and they dared not to block the way.

Empress Dowager and the Emperor would vent their anger on them if there was any mistake. Then people who witnessed this today would not be good.

After they arrived at the gate of palace, Xiao Xuanzi talked to a soldier who guarded the gate. Then this soldier fearfully asked someone to inform the Empress Dowager of this news. Nobody could undertake

this. People in the palace all knew the Empress Dowager liked Prince Chen very much and moreover, he was the only prince she liked, not to mention the Emperor who also appreciated Prince Chen!

Since they went through the gate, they hurriedly headed for Imperial Institute of Medicine.

When they arrived at the Imperial Institute of Medicine and got Chu Liuchen inside, there had been some skilled imperial physician waiting. Even though they gave him cardio-tonic drugs, he didn't wake up and looked deadly pale, just lying there without any reaction.

Nobody cared about Qin Wanru who stood aside.

After a mess, imperial physicians gave a prescription and let servants decoct them. Then Xiao Xuanzi asked everyone to leave the room, except Qin Wanru and Yujie, which seemed like that he didn't notice them when he asked others to leave.

When everyone left, Qin Wanru stepped forward and worriedly took Chu Liuchen's pulse again. She was scared and her mind went blank when taking his pulse just now. Her hand was still shaking.

She clenched her fists and then relaxed them. As reaching out and putting her hand on Chu Liuchen's wrist, Qin Wanru closed her eyes and took a deep breath, trying to calm down.

It was so scary and she still had limp legs!

When she raised her head again, she looked calm and serious. She would revenge since she survived from this disaster!

There were footsteps outside the room and there followed Xiao Xuanzi's voice. "The Empress Dowager comes!"

Qin Wanru paused. Then she closed her eyes and continued to feel Chu Liuchen's pulse, seeming that she didn't hear the noise outside.

Seeing Qin Wanru continue to take the Prince Chen's pulse, Yujie also got stunned and quickly got her meaning. She then also stood behind Qin Wanru and lowered her head.

Someone opened the door heavily. The Empress Dowager quickly walked in with a pale face. She only let two nannies follow her and left others to wait outside.

When seeing Qin Wanru sitting beside the bed and taking Chu Liuchen's pulse, the Empress Dowager frowned tightly and looked serious.

"Madam, Second Lady Qin is good at medical knowledge and she has studied medicine in Jingxin Monastery in Jiangzhou Prefecture." Xiao Xuanzi came in, bowed deeply and explained to the Empress Dowager in a low voice.

Mingqiu Nun from Jingxin Monastery was on her way to the capital city. Chu Liuchen had once told the Empress Dowager that it was Mingqiu Nun and the Abbess of Jingxin Monastery who saved him when his disease flared up in Jiangzhou.

"A student of Mingqiu Nun?" Hearing this, Empress Dowager looked softer. She stood straight and asked.

"Yes, she should be a registered student from a common aristocrat family. I only know that she learns medical knowledge from Mingqiu Nun. As for the details, I don't know clearly but I am sure that she has studied in Jingxin Monastery!" answered Xiao Xuanzi.

She nodded and came forward. She now didn't want to ask more about Qin Wanru but looked at Chu Liuchen hurriedly. As soon as she watched him, she got worried and asked, "Any word from imperial physician?"

"The imperial physician said that master fainted because of the hit. If, if he wakes up, then he will recover!" As sweat oozing on his forehead, Xiao Xuanzi suddenly knelt down in front of the Empress Dowager and cried, "It is my fault! If I had taken good care of my master, he wouldn't have got fainted. He just asked someone to save Second Lady Qin but we didn't expect that she would hit him!"

Yujie who stood behind Qin Wanru also knelt down.

"What on earth happened?" Taking a deep breath, the Empress Dowager asked seriously.

"Your highness, Prince Chen was in a good mood today so when we almost arrived at the gate, he said that he wanted to have a walk. Then we and those soldiers got off the cart and began to walk. However, when we haven't walked for a long time, we found a horse suddenly turned up at the corner across the street and was dashing on the street. Then it directly hit her cart and she was thrown through the window. All of a sudden, master ordered the soldier to catch her back by using the whip. But we didn't expect that she would hit him when she was caught back! Then, then my master..."

Xiao Xuanzi burst out crying and he was shaking heavily. If Chu Liuchen didn't wake up, nobody could survive!

"Go and find out who owns this horse! It is impossible to have a horse running wildly on the street because today we are about to hold the banquet! Find out who is the owner and I will punish them heavily! If, if Chen'er doesn't wake up, I won't let go of him or her whoever it is!" Looking gloomy, the Empress Dowager shouted angrily.

Putting down Chu Liuchen's hand, Qin Wanru opened her eyes and knelt down.

"Your highness, Prince Chen will wake up soon!"

"Really? When?" Hearing this, the Empress Dowager looked excited even though her face was dark just now. She stared at Qin Wanru happily. Xiao Xuanzi just told her that imperial physician said that if Chu Liuchen woke up, then he would be alright. But actually, it also meant that if he didn't wake up, he would be in trouble. Now Qin Wanru's words eased her mind.

"It is hard to tell but he will wake up today!" Qin Wanru lowered her head and answered softly.

"Great! Great!" Empress Dowager was only too happy to repeat the same word. She finally felt at ease. She suddenly stumbled and almost fell down.

A nanny who stood behind her quickly brought a chair and held her to let her have a seat beside the bed.

"Xiao Xuanzi, the first thing is to find out who owns this horse and who let the horse run wildly near our palace! We can't just let go of him or her!" Thinking for a while, she looked livid and gave an order to Xiao Xuanzi.

In Empress Dowager's view, Chu Liuchen was the target! Second Lady Qin was only an innocent girl who was involved in this trouble. "There must be someone who dislikes Chen'er!" When thinking this, Empress Dowager looked angry and gnashed her teeth tightly!

"How dare those people plot against my grandson! I will find them out even if I have to turn over the city!"

Knowing that his master was fine, Xiao Xuanzi wiped his sweat off his forehead and gradually calmed down. However, he still knelt on the ground and said. "Empress Dowager, I, I can't tell!"

"Who? Who is it?" The Empress Dowager shouted angrily.

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"It, it is Prince Zhou's horse!"

Being shocked, Xiao Xuanzi dared not to conceal it and said with sweat dripped from his head.

"Liuzhou's horse?"

"Yes, it is Prince Zhou's horse. Just now I sent someone to find out, and it is said that Prince Zhou's new horse was not trained well, so today he took this horse out for a walk. But unexpectedly, this horse got panic when it saw so many people on Zhuque Street and ran away. Thus it accidentally hit Second Miss Qin's carriage, and almost hurt Prince..."

Having said this, Xiao Xuanzi looked at Chu Liuchen, who was lying on the bed with a ghastly pale face, and he could not say any more with a trembling voice!

"Okay, fine. They just hate to see me treating Chen well and each of them wants to intervene. Someone, summon Prince Zhou!" Empress Dowager shouted loudly with anger.

A Nanny retreated respectfully and went out to send someone to summon Prince Zhou, Chu Liuzhou.

Prince Zhou came quickly. He arrived at Imperial Institute of Medicine shortly afterwards together with Empress. At this time, Qin Wanru had already been waked up and stood behind Empress Dowager with her eyes darting everywhere.

"Imperial Grandmother, I still do not know about this. I have been in the palace to visit my mother before it!" Prince Zhou, Chu Liuzhou blankly looked at Empress who came in with him.

"Empress Dowager, Zhou came to the palace very early. This time you hold this banquet, Zhou has come early and asked if it needs help!" Empress said with a smile, only her pale lips betraying the nervous.

"Does it have nothing to do with him just because he has come to the palace early? The horse belongs to him and how could it make Prince Chen knocked unconscious? Chen's body has already been in such poor condition. Would he still be unpleasant to someone's eyes? Well, well, well, I am going to tell

Emperor right now. There is no need to select someone. Just find several loyal people to send me and Prince Chen to a safe place. Even if it is a wild forest, that would be safer than the palace!”

Empress Dowager shouted and reproached them angrily.

Saying these words, she disregarded their dignity and outspokenly pointed out that Empress and Prince Zhou intended to kill Chu Liuchen.

Empress was unable to stand still and suddenly plopped down to kneel. “Mother, this matter really has nothing to do with Zhou. I will let Zhou find it out in a minute. The results will definitely be found out!”

Since Empress knelt down, Chu Liuzhou also knelt down naturally, with a sense of malice flashing through the bottom of his eyes. When he turned his eyes to Chu Liuchen who was in the bed, he looked ruthless and hostile.

“Why this sick man is still alive? He has been ill for so many years, but he still has a breath,” thought Chu Liuzhou.

Although Chu Liuzhou was really anxious to see Chu Liuchen dead early, at this time, he still hoped that Chu Liuchen could have a breath. He clearly knew that if something really happened to Chu Liuchen at this time, he would absolutely get no good. Was Chu Liuyue dealing with him? Or someone else?

Although Chu Liuzhou was holding his head down when kneeling, his brain was constantly working and he secretly gnashed his teeth in anger. If he knew who was playing behind him, he would definitely not spare this person.

What the phrase “kill two birds with one stone” referred to was the situation at present!

“When Chu Liuchen dead, I will certainly fall into Imperial Grandmother’s and Emperor Father’s disfavor. Even if I have the identity of blood elder son, I am afraid to have nothing to do with the throne.”

Thinking of this, Chu Liuzhou was even anxious to kill everyone who was related to this matter in his mansion!

He tightly clenched the fists under his sleeves.

“Imperial Grandmother, I go back to find now, and will definitely figure it out,” Chu Liuzhou said with gritted teeth.

“Chen has already been like this. You figure it out, but so what? It is unknown how his body will be like... I...” Empress Dowager said to the later words with her voice choking. When she looked at Chu Liuchen who was still unconscious in the bed, she felt a pain in her heart and reached out to grab his ice-cold hands on his chest and could hardly say a word.

Empress also looked at Chu Liuchen in panic. She and Chu Liuzhou both clearly knew the consequences of the incident, so after getting the news, she rushed to the Imperial Institute of Medicine. She walked so quickly that now she also felt waves of dizziness in front of her eyes and cold hands and feet. Although she was also eager to see Chu Liuchen dead, now she did not hope something would happen to him either.

“Mother, Mother, Prince Chen moved!” Suddenly Empress got excited, pointed at Chu Liuchen’s hands and shouted.

Qin Wanru slightly moved her head and her eyes fell on Chu Liuchen's hand. His slender hand moved a little bit, and this time more people saw this. Empress Dowager suddenly stood up and squatted beside the bed, holding Chu Liuchen's hand tightly, "Chen, Chen, can you wake up? Are you okay?"

The voice trembled in panic, which obviously showed that Empress Dowager was really nervous.

Chu Liuzhou moved two steps to the bed on his knees, nervously looking at Chu Liuchen's face with deep concern in his eyes. If not knowing that this person anxiously wanted Chu Liuchen to die early, Qin Wanru would even feel that they had a strong tie of brotherhood.

"The imperial physician! Call the imperial physician quickly!" Empress screamed loudly.

An imperial physician who was waiting in the gallery immediately came in. Palace maids supported Empress and Prince Zhou to stand up and to make room for him. Empress Dowager was supported to sit down again. Everyone looked nervously at the imperial physician who was taking Chu Liuchen's pulse and it was so quiet in the room that everyone's heartbeat could almost be heard.

Although Qin Wanru knew a little, her fist was still involuntarily clenched tightly. When she took Chu Liuchen's pulse just now, his pulse was very slow, and even had a feeling of stagnation. If only taking his pulse, she might also feel that he was badly hurt. But Qin Wanru had also taken his pulse before.

His pulse was no different from before.

He was originally sick, and the illness was quite serious. The innate illness was not easy to cure, because his pulse was weaker than that of common person.

Whoever took his pulse would know that he was sick and weak. However, as before, his sickness did not get worse because of this hit, which surprised her at that time.

But what made her more relieved was that when she was taking the pulse for Chu Liuchen, his hand also moved once, and definitely he pinched on her wrist consciously before he let another hand fall down.

In conclusion, Qin Wanru felt that Chu Liuchen was pretending to be sick. As for when he would not pretend, it was up to him. But now was he going to wake up?

Somehow she sighed with a relief in her heart!

"Report to Empress Dowager, Empress, Prince Chen should be fine now, but then he still needs to nurse himself well!" The imperial physician also breathed a sigh of relief and wiped the sweat on his forehead.

This Prince Chen was just like a time bomb for the entire Imperial Institute of Medicine. No one knew when he would be really too sick to wake up. At that time, no matter whose turn it was, it would possibly become a severe punishment of decapitation, so that going to Prince Chen's Mansion to treat Prince Chen became a matter which was close to the door of hell.

Everyone felt standing on the edge of a cliff, for fear that he would accidentally follow Prince Chen to meet with a mishap.

Now feeling that nothing would happen to Chu Liuchen this time, the imperial physician also took a breath.

“Chen, Chen!” Empress Dowager almost cried with joy, and after repeating “My merciful Buddha” to the sky several times, she whispered near Chu Liuchen’s ear.

Empress and Chu Liuzhou also looked at him nervously.

Finally, in expectant eyes of several people, Chu Liuchen’s hand moved again, and then he slowly opened his eyes and whispered, “Grandma, I am fine!”

Just one sentence made Empress Dowager’s eyes filled with tears and she said repeatedly, “Yes, Chen is fine. How can you not be fine? It is all my fault. If not holding a banquet this time, I won’t cause such a big trouble. I just want to appoint a Princess to you. How could it not be tolerated!”

Either Empress or Chu Liuzhou dared not to reply. They held their heads down and stood with ghastly pale faces and cold sweat on their backs.

These words would become a monstrous crime and whoever replied would fall on hard times. Even Empress with dignity dared not to reply these words, and she could only pretend that she had not heard it.

“Grandma, I am really fine. Just my head...” His long eyelashes flicking, Chu Liuchen stretched out his hand to touch his forehead gently and frowned painfully.

A handsome teenager was sick with a pale face, and the frowning brows made him look a bit more bitter and worried. Even so, he still seemed harmless and simple.

Empress Dowager only wanted to cry. Why such a good grandson was not tolerated by others? She gave several angry stares at Empress and waved directly to ask them to leave, “Since Chen is awake, Empress, please go to host today’s banquet. As for Prince Zhou...”

“Imperial Grandmother, I go to find it out right now, and will definitely give third younger brother an explanation!” Chu Liuzhou said hatefully with a cold face. He was really anxious to tear those people who guarded horses in his mansion. “They cannot keep a horse and even let it rush out to hurt people. If it hurt someone else, it does not matter. This sick man, Chu Liuchen, originally seems not to live long, and he is hit by my horse. Isn’t it an attempt to do harm to me on purpose?” thought Chu Liuzhou.

He was indeed not in the mood to stay here.

“Each of you, just go!” Empress Dowager said coldly.

Empress and Chu Liuchen said farewells to Empress Dowager, and pacified Chu Liuchen for a few words who just woke up. Then they stepped backward to the outside of Imperial Institute of Medicine, and both mother and son stopped.

Several trusted subordinates were scattered around.

“Zhou, who it was that reached out to your mansion?” Of course, Empress was convinced that her son was not that stupid. Even if the sick boy won the love, how long could he live? Imperial Institute of Medicine repeatedly said that he could not live a long time. Why bother to kill him, and provoke Emperor’s and Empress Dowager’s disgust?

The biggest possibility was that someone secretly used Prince Zhou's people and wanted to do harm to Chu Liuchen. Whatever the outcome was, it would be good for the one in secret!

"I do not know, but Mother, please be relieved. I will find it now, and definitely get to the bottom of it!" Chu Liuzhou said ruthlessly.

"Find it out as soon as possible. However it would be, send the person to your Imperial Grandmother!" Empress was also full of hatred and said with gritted teeth. She was Empress of this country, but she had to beg for mercy to Empress Dowager. When thinking of this, the blue veins stood out on her forehead between eyebrows. It would not be easy to settle.

"Yes, Mother, I will go to check it right now!" Chu Liuzhou said.

Empress nodded, and Chu Liuzhou rushed away angrily. They all thought that this was a conspiracy against the royal family. Anyone felt that Qin Wanru, who had been involved in it, was the innocent bystander and no one really took her to heart!

But things always had some accidents...

Chapter 285 Met Emperor for the First Time

The room was very quiet, and the incense at the window, which could calm heart and tranquilize mind, curled upwards with a hint of slight sweet smell.

In the bed, Chu Liuchen closed his eyes, but it could be seen that he did not fall asleep. His handsome and delicate face was pale like snow. He frowned from time to time, but obviously he could not spare energy to say something.

Empress Dowager tucked him in quilt and turned to Qin Wanru after a sigh. At this time, she started to look up and down at Qin Wanru.

Perceiving Empress Dowager's gaze, Qin Wanru tightly held her head down with a little bit reserved look, and her long eyelashes shook several times uneasily. Nevertheless, whoever saw Empress Dowager for the first time, no girl would not become reserved.

"Are you the second daughter in Ningyuan Army General's Mansion?" Empress Dowager asked in the voice which was not high, but quite serious.

"Report to Empress Dowager, yes, I am!" Qin Wanru said softly.

"Did you get to know Chen when you were in Jiangzhou?" When saying this, Empress Dowager did not look at Qin Wanru. She glanced at her grandson, and as expected, she saw that boy's eyelids slightly twitching twice, thus a faint smile naturally flashed on her face.

"The highness lived in my mansion, and then he was treated in Jingxin Monastery!" Qin Wanru replied respectfully, and a pair of bright watery eyes stared at the inch of land in front of her, which made her seemingly lovable and mannered.

"You studied medicine from Abbess of Jingxin Monastery?" These words provoked Empress Dowager's interest, and Qin Wanru's lovable look left a favorable impression on her, so she asked now with a smile.

"Yes, I just studied a little medical skill from Mingqiu Nun in Jingxin Monastery!" Qin Wanru replied. The previous reserved feeling had gradually faded away, so her look became more natural, and she also behaved in a good manner.

Empress Dowager was very satisfied with Qin Wanru, who could relax quickly and behave with no mistakes in rules and etiquette.

"Then please help diagnose me!" Empress Dowager reached out her hand, and a Nanny had already slightly rolled up her sleeves for her. Qin Wanru lifted up a pair of watery eyes, and was stunned to look at Empress Dowager. But she immediately saluted to Empress Dowager gracefully and walked forward, and then she reached out to take Empress Dowager's pulse.

The room suddenly became quiet. The moment Empress Dowager turned back, she saw Chu Liuchen slightly lifting his eyelashes, which obviously showed that he had been peeking, so she was more sure about it in her heart.

"Empress Dowager, you have symptoms of deficient energy and much phlegm. When getting worse, you will also cough up of blood!" Qin Wanru put down Empress Dowager's hand, and said softly.

"Then how to treat them?" Empress Dowager laughed and asked.

Qin Wanru thought for a moment. "Empress Dowager, it is certain that you have your own medicine to treat this disease. I just want to remind Empress Dowager that you should pay more attention to your daily diet. More attention to daily life should be paid for this disease and you need to nourish yourself slowly. Especially in such a cold day, Empress Dowager should take more care of your body!"

She said these words subtly, and did not belittle other imperial physicians to show her excellent medical skill or even say more about Empress Dowager's symptoms. However, she had already spoken out the cause of Empress Dowager's disease, and done no harm to other imperial physicians, which could be described as being well-rounded.

Empress Dowager nodded repeatedly, and was quite satisfied with Qin Wanru.

If Qin Wanru indulged in empty talks at this time and said how to diagnose and treat her illness, Empress Dowager would not believe this, because she naturally had her own doctor who was trustworthy. Moreover, Qin Wanru was still too young. In Empress Dowager's eyes, she was just a child. Even though she had learned some medical skills, how could such a child know much? It was very good for her to be able to point out a cause.

If she must be stubborn, she would only cause Empress Dowager's dislike.

What she said now were consistent with her current age, and she said these words without any omission, which also made Empress Dowager feel that she was very clever and lovely.

What was more, she also looked pretty with white skin. Anyone who saw her would like her.

"You just took Chen's pulse. How about Chen's disease? Empress Dowager looked at her and asked, with a much gentler voice.

This was quite hard to answer, and even harder than taking Empress Dowager's pulse previously.

Everyone in this world knew that Chu Liuchen could not live long, but only she knew that he actually could live for a long time. In his previous life, his body got better and better afterwards, otherwise he could not become the crown prince of the country, have authority over a country, or even take the position of Emperor in the future.

But now, he looked dying and this look should also get affirmation from all the doctors in the palace. Last time when Chu Liuchen met her, he said that another highly skilled doctor had been found in the palace in order to treat him. It also meant that all the ministers in the palace were so helpless that they could only find other master doctors.

In this way, how could Chu Liuchen's body get better?

"Report to Empress Dowager, my medical skill is quite limited. I dare not to casually discuss Highness' disease. I just know that if Highness can nourish himself well, not get angry and keep in good mood, he will definitely get better!" Qin Wanru squatted down, and held her head down to answer respectfully.

This answer was more perfunctory than that for Empress Dowager's disease just now. It seemed to be said casually, but her sudden kneeling down and her words, which were said after a long hesitation, all made people understand that what she had said was her real thinking instead of some words that made excuses. As for Chu Liuchen's disease, she dared not to discuss casually.

In other words, she did not know what to say at all!

Empress Dowager showed a disappointed look on her face and laughed bitterly. Actually, she also knew how her grandson's physical condition was, but she just had a delusion. Although she was disappointed at this time, it was not the biggest blow for her because she had prepared in her heart.

How could she not know Chu Liuchen's physical condition?

Her grandson was good in all aspects, except his physical condition. It was not easy to diagnose and treat the congenital disease. At the thought of this, Empress Dowager's eyes watered a little and she picked up a handkerchief to gently wipe the corners of her eyes. She really loved this grandson more dearly than other grandsons.

Such a good child. If not at the beginning... it would possibly not be the situation like this now!

What she could do now was to spoil him as much as possible. Even if she spoiled him to become the most foppish child in this dynasty, Empress Dowager still believed that it did not matter. As long as he was happy and he could be happy, nothing else did matter. Her own son committed a sin, but her grandson was the most innocent one.

"Stand up!" Empress Dowager said in a low voice.

"Yes!" Qin Wanru held Yujie's hands to stand up.

"You can go to change your outfit. Go on!" Seeing that there were some spots of ashes and damaged clothes on Qin Wanru, Empress Dowager said, "After a while, the banquet still has to be held!"

"Yes, Empress Dowager!" Qin Wanru nodded and was about to leave. Suddenly she heard someone outside saying loudly, "Emperor is coming!"

One after another, the sound was getting closer and closer. Hearing the hurried footsteps in her ears, and seeing that all the servants in the room were kneeling down, Qin Wanru also followed them to plop and kneel down again on the ground.

Here came Emperor.

The door was pushed open heavily, and when she heard all the people in the room shouting “Long Live Emperor” three times, she also followed to kowtow and prostrate herself. A piece of golden corner of robe flashed in front of her eyes and the shining golden silk thread passed away at an extremely fast speed. Then she heard a serious voice from a man, “Empress Mother, how about Chen?”

“How about what? He almost lost his life. They cannot tolerate Chen at all. Even though he is in such condition... they do not allow him...” Empress Dowager’s voice was a little bit choked now.

Emperor rushed a few steps forward and sat down on the bed. With a gloomy look, he looked at his nephew’s face, which was ghostly pale and bloodless. Several eunuchs who followed him to come in all held their heads down and did not dare to move at all.

“Prince Zhou’s horse?” When coming over, Emperor had already known parts of this matter, so he asked directly now.

“It is said to be Prince Zhou’s horse, but whom it actually belongs to is still unknown. Chen becomes a tool for them to scramble for power and wealth!” Empress Dowager said furiously.

Born in a royal family, she could see these things much deep and would not conclude that this was done by Prince Zhou just because of everything she saw apparently, but she could not say that it absolutely had nothing to do with Prince Zhou.

However, someone could even play a trick on Chu Liuchen, which meant that he definitely wanted to use the value of Chu Liuchen to profit some people. As long as she thought of this, Empress Dowager felt painful as if a knife were being twisted in her heart.

Her grandson who had finally grown up in the palm of her hands could not become a tool for those who were scrambling for power and wealth.

“Find! When I go back, I will definitely find it out!” Emperor said coldly, with a glance at Chu Liuchen’s face.

“It is necessary to find it out. This matter cannot be easily let go. It will possibly happen twice. Chen can survive this time, but it will be uncertain next time. What’s more, Chen originally has such a weak and sick body. These people are so ruthless that they still want to kill Chen despite his poor physical condition like this!”

Empress Dowager’s face was similarly as gloomy as water.

“Mother, please rest assured. I will never condone. Whoever is involved in this matter, I will give Chen an explanation!” Emperor assured Empress Dowager.

Empress Dowager took a handkerchief to wipe the corners of her eyes and nodded. “You go back first. I am here and it is nothing serious on Chen now! I will stay here!”

"Yes, Mother!" Emperor answered, but he did not leave. Hesitantly looking at Empress Dowager, he was about to say something but he held back these words.

Empress Dowager's face clouded. "Don't tell me that she wants to see Chen!"

"Mother, she is always... very worried..." Emperor felt awkward and entreated in a low voice.

"You say that she is worried... I do not want to hear this. Neither does Chen. Ask her not to bother Chen's life when nothing is important, otherwise I will definitely not forgive her!" Empress Dowager reproached loudly, "You do not defend her anymore. I do not want to hear anything about her!"

After saying this, she turned away decisively, giving Emperor a cold back.

Seeing Empress Dowager's behavior, Emperor knew that whatever he said would be useless, so he could only sigh and stood up to look at Chu Liuchen, and then turned to leave.

But when passing by Qin Wanru, he stopped, "Is she the second daughter of Ningyuan Army General? Was Chen hit when he saved her?"

"It is my great honor to meet Emperor!" Qin Wanru prostrated herself and said respectfully.

"Raise up your head!" Emperor glanced at Qin Wanru and said.

Qin Wanru slowly lifted her head up with her eyes looking down on her nose instead of looking around. She behaved herself calmly, and saw a piece of bright yellow robe at the corners of her eye. Her face felt a strong sense of severe power, since Emperor was gazing at her. Thus, she pressed hardly on the corner of her skirt with hands.

"Mother, she is too young!"

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"She is really quite small!" The Empress Dowager nodded her head and fell her eyes on the delicate and dignified small face of Qin Wanru. Then she turned back and looked at the Chu Liuchen lying on the bed. Until now, he was still lying still. She could not help but sigh in her heart.

"You go back first. This thing is not in a hurry!"

"Yes, mother, then I'll go back first!" the emperor said. Then he turned his feet and took his people out of the house.

"You go too!" Empress Dowager said.

Qin Wanru knew that this time she was talking to her. She answered with a low voice and then went out with Yujie respectfully. It was until she went out of the door that she sighed with a relief.

"Second Miss Qin, please come with me!" A palace maid smiled and came to her with a salute.

Qin Wanru nodded her head and followed the palace maid to one side. When she entered into a wing, she found the set of clothes she had prepared before on the table.

"Second Miss Qin, please change your clothes here. If you want something, please call me!" the palace maid said.

"Where did you... take the clothes?" Qin Wanru said.

"It was taken from the carriage of your mansion," the palace maid said.

Therefore, at that time, her own carriage was brought into the palace together, and the carriage had already been checked!

Qin Wanru nodded her head and asked the palace maid to go back. Yujie closed the door and swiped the cold sweat on her head. "Miss, who is so vicious to want to kill you?"

This thing, except Qin Wanru, only Yujie knew. This thing was not to attack Chu Liuchen but to assault Qin Wanru. Or had it not been Chu Liuchen, although Qin Wanru would not have died at that time, her bones would have been hit to break.

So everything had been planned.

Including the traffic jam in front of her and that old beggar, as well as the running horse that had been counted on the time and angle, these things only had one goal: kill Qin Wanru. Qin Wanru's eyes flashed a chilly darkness and a cruelty rose from her eyes which was hard to be hidden. She knew clearly that without the help of Chu Liuchen, today she must have died on the spot.

In order to protect their own life, it was painstaking for them to plan so many things. And they even dared to do this outside the palace door and involved Prince Zhou in.

"Duke Xing's Mansion!" Qin Wanru said affirmatively. She smiled coldly with the faint light in her ink-colored eyes, giving her more cruelty which could not be seen clearly in the past.

"Miss, why should Madam of Duke Xing do this? Just because she wanted to accept Miss as her foster daughter but you didn't agree, so she wanted to ruin you? Maybe you have made a mistake? Could it be Duke Yong's Mansion?" Yujie said with shock and couldn't believe her eyes.

Duke Xing's Mansion, Duke Yong's Mansion? There was a fascinating smile in her lip, with a little bit of bloodthirsty. These two mansions both had responsibility for this thing and neither of them can escape!

Yujie might not understand the reasons in it but Qin Wanru believed her assumption in a more affirmative way. If it was not true, Madam of Duke Xing would not stare at her like a mad dog.

In her last life, Madam of Duke Xing and Madam Di stepped her into the filth together, and this life was also the same.

It was just in the last life that Qin Wanru was too weak to strike back because of the early assault of Madam Di. This life she was born from the fire and was not the Qin Wanru anymore who was cowardly and let anyone torment her.

Under the cruel penalty was the blood and tears of people. Actually, there was not only the hatred of her, but also that of her family. Tears slipped from the corners of her eyes slowly and cruelty was contained in her tears.

It turned out that not only her identity was a secret but also she had deep hatred with others.

"Miss, what happened to you?" Yujie had never seen Qin Wanru being so weak and she said with surprise.

"Change clothes first. Later I will talk it to you after we go home!" Since Qin Wanru understood the whole thing, she didn't need to ponder more temporarily. Qin Wanru waved and went to the table to pick up the set of clothes Nanny Dong prepared for her.

This set was different from the clothes she wore today. The eight pieces of her skirt were like lotus leaves. The delicate lotus flowers came out from the lotus leaves, because of which every step of her would be followed by lotus flowers. The skirt color was gradual green, covered with a layer of light yarn, which made the gradient more and more permeated with fairy air.

The skirt yarn was slightly raised, and the skirt angle was falling. The lotus leaves were frondent and the lotus flowers were near the burst. Her beautiful and slim waist could only be held by a grip. The light pink coat above was very suitable for the age of Qin Wanru. The light pink coat, beside its main color, had more white, which made this piece of clothes not only have fairy air but also possess more elegance.

This time she changed her clothes and cleaned up herself with not so much time. She stood in front of the door again and Yujie opened the door, seeing palace maids waiting outside.

"Second Miss Qin, Empress Dowager asked me to take you to the feast and you no longer need to farewell to Your Highness Prince Chen. He is in bad health so he needs to rest quietly!"

The palace maid showed a glimmer of being amazed in her eyes, but she quickly lowered her head and said these words.

What kind of beauty had not been seen in the palace, but the Second Miss Qin in front of her eyes let the palace maid feel that the three thousand beautiful ones she had seen were no better than this one.

But she was a bit small!

"Chen'er, what do you think of this girl of Ningyuan Army General's Mansion?" Empress Dowager smiled and said to Chu Liuchen who had opened his eyes on the bed.

"Grandma!" Chu Liuchen blinked his eyes twice, feeling a bit shy, and said that "Not bad, at least I didn't dislike her when I saw her."

His words reminded Empress Dowager of the last banquet. When the Misses who attended the last banquet saw other princes, they were all very shy. Thinking of it, Empress Dowager felt quite depressed.

She wanted to pick one to be the daughter-in-law for her beloved grandson so that the girl could take care of Chen'er. But these girls did not fall in love with Chu Liuchen. How could she be happy?

That banquet not only didn't help the Empress Dowager find one who she liked, but also made her grandson feel wronged. The Empress Dowager also felt quite dissatisfied with those aristocratic families Miss and thought that they were a group of blind people who could not see the goodness of her grandson.

This time when she heard Chu Liuchen saying this, Empress Dowager sighed softly, "But she... is so small. How can she take care of you!"

"Imperial Grandmother, I don't need her to take care of me. I just think that I can have something to talk with her." Chu Liuchen smiled slightly. His pale face floated with a touch of vitality and the color of his face became softer.

As soon as he reached out and wanted to sit up, the Empress Dowager took a cushion for him quickly and put it behind him.

Chu Liuchen coughed with a low voice. A nanny brought a glass of water for Chu Liuchen and he accepted and drank a little. The hot air made his pale face become brighter and have more vitality.

"You asked me to go to Shengguang Temple before. Was it for her?" Seeing him put down the teacup, the Empress Dowager asked him with a low voice.

"Imperial Grandmother, Abbess of Jingxin Monastery and Mingqiu Nun took care of me a lot in Jiangzhou. Second Miss Qin also helped me pound the medicine. So we were acquaintances. Since she came to the capital city, I had to see her. From my childhood, no one had ever gone along well with me." Chu Liuchen lowered his head. His long eyelashes fell on his pale face with irregular shadows.

There was decadence from his bones.

The heart of Empress Dowager was hurt greatly and her eyes went red. She turned to one side quickly and reached out to wipe away the tears in her eyes. "Well, since you feel good, then she!"

How simple was the request of her grandson. What he wanted was not a woman who could accompany him but only a woman he could talk with. Empress Dowager thought that she didn't need to make him unhappy.

From his childhood to now, this child suffered a lot because of his body. She wanted him to be as happy as possible.

But this child now wanted to find a playmate. If he felt that she was not suitable later after being together for a while, and he really found the other woman whom he wanted to marry with, that would be a troublesome thing. Moreover, the identity of Qin Wanru was too low.

If other princes wanted to get married, they could get married with this girl from a third-level mansion, because the thought of the emperor and the Empress Dowager was that they didn't want these princes to marry wives whose family were of great power. But Chu Liuchen was different, Empress Dowager and the emperor both wanted him to find a wife with a powerful family so that she could protect him to be safe all his life after the emperor passed away.

Although imperial physicians all said that the disease of Chu Liuchen came from the day when he was born, and no one knew that when would he pass away, in the heart of Empress Dowager, she felt that Chu Liuchen would live for a long time. So she would certainly consider more for his future. If she passed away in the future, she wanted Chu Liuchen not to be bullied by others.

Therefore, the power of his wife's family was very crucial!

"Chen'er, is the daughter of Qin's mansion too small?" Empress Dowager said gently after a thought.

"About eleven or twelve years old!" Chu Liuchen thought and said softly.

“What about firstly setting her as your side imperial concubine? And when everything is all right, we can decide whether she can be your wife?” Empress Dowager said tentatively. This so-called “everything is all right” could not be determined by one or two words. In the heart of Empress Dowager, she was not satisfied with Qin Wanru.

“Imperial Grandmother, what does ‘everything is all right’ mean? Can the original wife become a side imperial concubine?” Chu Liuchen raised his eyes, looking at Empress Dowager with his beautiful eyes and said.

Although he was expressing his dissatisfaction, his manners were still elegant and gentle. He was not only very handsome but also well-educated.

The Empress Dowager was upset again. After a long while, she came out from her thought and said her worries in a low voice. She knew that her grandson was very intelligent. If she delayed, he would understand. “Her identity is low. You’d better get married with a daughter of lineal decent from a noble family, preferably a first daughter of lineal decent!”

The most distinguished first daughter of lineal decent in an aristocratic family tended to be brought up with great efforts. Such kind of woman was the favorite of the Empress Dowager.

“Imperial Grandmother, so what if the woman is a first daughter of lineal decent?” If I think she is not good, she won’t be good!” His long eyelashes were pulled down again, and the color of his eyes became deeper, and his voice was lowered.

The Empress Dowager couldn’t say anything at that moment. She knew what did Chu Liuchen mean. She felt a big blow to her heart. So what if she was a first daughter of lineal decent? Was that woman a noble first daughter of lineal decent? But what she did had never been connected with the noble and elegant first daughter of lineal decent!

The Empress Dowager thought angrily that the so-called manner of her was even not comparable to that of a daughter of a concubine in a small family.

“Imperial Grandmother, this thing is not in a hurry. I just want a good playmate and I don’t want to hold up others. Second Miss Qin is very young, so she can talk with me. I just hope that Imperial Grandmother and my uncle don’t refuse me!” Chu Liuchen raised up his head again with a gentle smile on his face.

The attitude of him was gentle and soft. He was like a weak young boy in the ink picture of mountains and rivers. Although he was sick and always stayed in bed, no one could be more handsome than him.

“I, I will agree with you!” Her handsome grandson was just like a picture in front of her, and the tears of the Empress Dowager were going to fall down...

Chapter 287 Miss Wang Who Needed to be Taken Care of

The palace maid brought Qin Wanru to the palace banquet.

The palace banquet was set in a garden. From the entrance, there were pots of Tang Qianyan in full bloom everywhere. This time was not the period when Tang Qianyan should be in full bloom, but here and there were so many Tang Qianyan in varied and beautiful shapes in this garden.

Inside the garden were many tents around, which shaped a half circle. In the center was a big flower terrace.

Around the flower terrace were potted flowers, and in the middle of it, a large platform was packed. The platform was covered with a top, and the light yarns flew around the platform. There happened to be a large rockery at the back of the platform so only the front half of the circle left.

The back of the tents was also enclosed. The small stoves inside were very warm. Although the front doors of the tents were opened to the middle flower terrace, it was not cold inside.

The sunshine fell on the flower terrace directly, with the rockery behind it to shield the wind. The place where the stage was arranged in the flower terrace was actually not cold.

This arrangement was very chic.

"Second Miss Qin?" A delicate voice suddenly sounded.

Qin Wanru stopped and looked at the person who called her. When she saw a delicate woman, she had ridicule in her eyes. She still couldn't forget her voice.

The contempt that was mean, sharp, and without any room was still in front of her. But now she appeared to desire to talk to her, which was completely different from the one in memory.

Wang Shengxue's younger sister Wang Yishu was said to be a woman who had read lots of books. In the last life, Qin Wanru was calculated to have a planned marriage with Wang Shengxue. So at first, this female talent who had read lots of books performed well to Qin Wanru. But later, when the relationship between Ning Xueqing and Wang Shengxue was exposed, she ridiculed Qin Wanru with all kinds of sharp words.

Her mean and ridiculed face seemed that she regarded Qin Wanru as a person who had killed her father.

Unexpectedly, this time she would see this bitter and mean talented woman again at this time.

This was the female companion that Madam of Duke Xing had found for her. It was really the fate.

"Excuse me, are you?" Qin Wanru looked at Wang Yishu from the top to the feet and seemed to be blank.

"My aunt is the Madam of Duke Xing. My surname is Wang. Didn't she tell Second Miss Qin?" Wang Yishu said with a bit of eeriness. Her eyes looked bright and kind, and the kindness had been controlled because of fear. People tended to feel good of her at the first sight.

"You are the Miss that Madam of Duke Xing mentioned?" Qin Wanru held back her gaze and said with light color in her eyes, "Do you want to follow me?"

"This... Isn't this what my aunt has said?" Wang Yishu's face was a bit awkward. It seemed that Qin Wanru didn't give her face. She bit her lip and her face went red.

"Madam of Duke Xing only told me to take you to the palace. Next... I am afraid that I can't help you. I am not familiar with the palace too!" Qin Wanru seemed to be very vexed. Her watery eyes looked at Wang Yishu, who was taller than her for half of a head.

The palace maid who sent Qin Wanru to the place was originally going to retreat, but at this moment she saw something unusual, so she stood still and didn't leave.

Although she was the palace maid of Empress Dowager, her wearing was just like that of the palace maid around. So no one discovered that she was actually not the palace maid here.

In order to be less obvious, she even squatted down, picked up a rag on the side and wiped the flower pots!

But Qin Wanru saw her!

"Second Miss Qin, my aunt didn't say that you would help introduce me to Rui'an Great Elder Princess?" Wang Yishu's face looked very anxious and she was quite worried in her heart. This thing was completely different from what the aunt said. Didn't she say that this matter had been fully completed?

"This... I'm afraid that I cannot do that. I am also not very familiar with Rui'an Great Elder Princess!" Qin Wanru looked at Wang Yishu with a vexatious expression and her face seemed that she knew nothing at all. Her watery eyes blinked and she appeared to be in a complete blank.

"The foster daughter of Madam of Duke Xing is First Miss Qi. Why do you always tangle with our Miss!" Yujie snorted unpleasantly.

"Second Miss Qin, has my aunt committed me to your care?" Wang Yishu was unpleasant. She glared at Yujie, the servant girl who didn't understand "rules" and said with anger in her voice.

In her heart, she looked down upon Qin Wanru originally, so she pretended to be weak. But now she found that this Second Miss Qin was no better than herself, her temper could not be suppressed.

Although Wang Yishu's appearance was not the best, she praised herself as being more learned than others, so she could be called as a talented woman. Looking at Qin Wanru's uselessness, the arrogance on her face couldn't be hidden.

"Miss Wang, you are not young. Why should you be committed to my care?" Qin Wanru said with her small mouth opened slightly and raised her head to look at Wang Yishu.

"Miss Wang, it seems that you are older than our Miss? Since you are so old, haven't you gone to the palace yet?" Yujie followed her words "innocently", and looked to be very surprised.

Although her voice was not high, people around them could hear these words. And they also stood at a crossroads. There were many people coming and going, and most of them were attracted by the beautiful clothes of Qin Wanru, so they looked at her for more times. When they heard that there were disputes here, they listened to them more carefully. After hearing the servant girl saying this, they threw some sneak gazes on Wang Yishu.

No matter from what aspect, Wang Yishu looked to be older than Qin Wanru. Now the older asked the younger to take care of her, which was really a joke.

The family status of Wang's mansion was high in the past, but later the reputation of it was lowered. Finally it almost attached to Duke Xing's Mansion. Because of its attachment to Duke Xing's Mansion, although it was declined, she would sometimes interact with other girls from other mansions. It was due to the face of Duke Xing's Mansion, other girls would not look down upon her.

Therefore, there was her reputation as the talented girl in the capital city.

In the past, many Misses knew Wang Yishu, but her identity was really not high enough to attend the palace banquet held by the palace. This time Madam of Duke Xing might have used some approaches to give her the opportunity to attend this palace banquet.

Feeling the ridicule sight around, Wang Yishu's face flushed red. Her servant girl on her side stepped forward and rebuked Yujie, "The Misses are talking! How could a servant girl like you know nothing about rules!"

"But what I said was the truth!" Yujie seemed to be in a blank and know nothing about what happened. So she responded directly with such words.

Her awkward situation was quite similar to that of Qin Wanru. The two masters and servants were on the opposite sides. It seemed more like Wang Yishu and her servant bullying Qin Wanru and her servant.

Wang Yishu had experienced many things and she immediately understood the situation. She reached out to stop her servant girl quickly, biting her lips with a softer face.

"Second Miss Qin... I am sorry to bother you. This is my first time to enter the palace and my aunt asks me to be with you. I don't know whether I bother you or not?" These words were so gentle and she didn't have the same aggressive attitude before.

"This..." Qin Wanru hesitated, then she pulled her dress and smiled bitterly. "I was injured when I entered the palace. I might take a seat for a while and leave, and I don't have the strength to meet other people. Miss Wang, please take it easy!"

"Second Miss Qin was hurt? Let me see. I understood something about medicine when I was at home!" There was worry on her face and she reached out her hands to pick up Qin Wanru's hands.

Qin Wanru stepped back and avoided her hands. She shook her head and said, "I don't want to bother Miss Wang!"

After saying this she saluted to her and entered the tent on one side. It seemed that she didn't want to be close to Wang Yishu.

Some people around were laughing. Although their voice was not big, it was big enough to be heard by Wang Yishu. Wang Yishu's face flushed red immediately and held the handkerchief in her hands tightly. She almost couldn't control herself.

Secretly biting her teeth, she followed Qin Wanru to enter the tent.

Some Misses looking on this happened to have not found a place, so they followed them into the tent.

The crowd here dissipated, and the palace maid who wiped the flower pots stood up. She looked thoughtfully at the direction of Qin Wanru's departure. She was the trusted subordinate sent by the Empress Dowager. So naturally she knew that her master treated Qin Wanru differently.

That was why she paid more attention to Qin Wanru. But she didn't think that she would hear the words just now.

How could Madam of Duke Xing relate to Ningyuan Army General's Mansion which had just arrived in Jiangzhou? And how could they seem to have a good relationship with Second Miss Qin?

There was no relationship between Duke Xing and Your Highness Prince Chen. Why would Madam of Duke Xing connect with Qin's Mansion? Could it be because they knew that Your Highness Prince Chen had been to Jiangzhou and lived in Qin's Mansion, the owner of which was the old Jiangzhou Ningyuan Army General? The palace maid felt that the more she thought about it, the more dangerous it was. It was not a thing that a small palace maid like her could bear.

She threw the rag in her hands casually and hurriedly went to Empress Dowager to report it.

The palace was the most sensitive to this kind of thing, and the Empress Dowager now paid the most attention to Your Highness Prince Chen. Not long before Your Highness Prince Chen had had accidents and the Second Miss was here when the accidents happened. What role did the Madam of Duke Xing play in this who seemed to be totally unconnected to it?"

The palace maid didn't dare to think about it. She only felt that she should report this thing to Empress Dowager.

She was just a palace maid, and no one noticed that she was the person sent by the Empress Dowager. So naturally no one would pay attention to her departure...

Qin Wanru entered the tent and found it to be quite big. There were many seats, which could accommodate a dozen of Misses. At that time there were only a few people, so many of the seats were empty.

This tent was on the side, so many Misses were not willing to choose this place. When several of the tents in the middle were full, those Misses would come to the sides.

When Qin Wanru came in, there were only five or six Misses inside. When they saw Qin Wanru coming in, they were all amazed and fell all their eyesights on the clothes of Qin Wanru. When the wind blew, the gauze skirt was raised. It made people feel that Qin Wanru was a fairy in the wind.

The eyes of these Misses were lit up. They looked at each other and their faces were filled with joy!

When Qin Wanru sat down, a Miss closed to her and wanted to ask her where the material of this set of clothes came from and where this style of clothes was made. Just before this they saw Wang Yishu came in and sat next to Qin Wanru affectionately. She smiled and said in an extreme low voice, "Second Miss Qin, my aunt asks me to bring a gift for you!"

Chapter 288 The Jade Pendant Wrapped in the Handkerchief

Wang Yishu said, while mysteriously pulling out a handkerchief seemingly with something in it. Qin Wanru had an intuition that she had seen the cloth.

With her watery eyes slightly fixed, she had recognized it was the cloth from the clothes given to her by Madam of Duke Xing. The set of clothes was left in the Mansion of Rui'an Great Elder Princess, and Rui'an Great Elder Princess had told her not to wear it, because it violated the emperor's taboo.

Was this Colorful Yarn? It had been exposed in an aroma and quite fragrant!

Qin Wanru did not like using aroma and was very sensitive to aroma!

“Miss Wang, where did you get this handkerchief?” Qin Wanru reached out to press Wang Yishu’s hand in astonishment.

“What’s wrong?” Wang Yishu was dumbfounded and looked down at the handkerchief in her hand with a mocking smile. Qin Wanru was exactly a petty country girl as her aunt described. “I have a lot of them. If you like it, I will ask someone to send you some next time!”

“Miss Wang, you have a lot of them?” Qin Wanru asked again.

Wang Yishu nodded and said with an increasingly kind smile, “This handkerchief is common. There are a lot of them in my aunt’s mansion!”

She got the handkerchief from Madam of Duke Xing, but there weren’t as many as she said. This handkerchief was especially given to her by Madam of Duke Xing as a reward. Madam of Duke Xing told her that she would give her a few more pieces after she accomplished the task. She was just pretending to be generous in front of others in this moment in a tone which was gentle but showed her arrogance

The eyes of several young ladies around them were also attracted by this paparazzi. It seemed to show different colors from different angles, looking extremely resplendent and gorgeous.

“Miss Wang, let me have a look!” The Miss, who sat over and was the closest to them, reached out and said with a smile in this moment.

Seeing the Miss reach out, Wang Yishu quickly grabbed the stuff in the handkerchief, and then the handkerchief was taken by the Miss and immediately passed to another Miss. Everyone marveled at the handkerchief which was gorgeous and fragrant!

When everyone was focusing on the handkerchief, Wang Yishu approached Qin Wanru, reached out to stuff the jade pendant hidden in her hand into Qin Wanru’s hand and then said in a low voice, “Second Miss Qin, my aunt asked you to turn it over to First Miss Qi.”

This jade pendant should be given to Qi Rongzhi, so Qin Wanru had to take it over.

“Why doesn’t Madam of Duke Xing give it to First Miss Qi directly?”

“It was supposed to be given to her when Madam of Duke Xing adopted her as her daughter, but she forgot it at that time and considered it embarrassing to give it to her later. So she thinks it won’t embarrass anyone if you can give it to her quietly.”

Wang Yishu whispered in an increasingly low voice.

It meant that Madam of Duke Xing adopted Qi Rongzhi reluctantly, so she just gave Qi Rongzhi something at will and even forgot to give this important stuff. If she directly sent it to Qi Rongzhi, she seemed to do that intentionally and would even lose her face. So she wanted to ask Qin Wanru to turn it over.

It made sense and was quite plausible. If Qin Wanru had never seen this jade pendant, she almost believed it.

Qin Wanru had never had the memory of how she was engaged to Wang Shengxue in the last life. However, when she saw this piece of jade pendant, suddenly some memory came to her mind...

"You are such a b*tch with an affair with Childe Wang, and even secretly took the jade pendant passed down in his family. You did something like this in Jiangzhou, and now you are doing this again. You are really shameless!"

"So she is. But we have to agree on the marriage between them. He's the cousin of our young master anyway. Our Madam suggests she could be Childe Wang's co-wife. A lady legally married should be considered a wife, and a lady eloping with a man should be considered a concubine. Our Madam allows her to be a co-wife for the sake of First Miss, otherwise she can only be a concubine."

"Qin Wanru, you should marry Childe Wang as a co-wife, since you have abandoned yourself to vice and have an affair with Childe Wang!" ...

She seemed to hear the blame from Qin Yuru, the arrogant old maid from Duke Xing's Mansion and Madam Di. She held the jade pendant firmly and then relaxed her hold slowly. It turned out she had been engaged to Wang Shengxue at that time because of this jade pendant not as a legal wife, but as a co-wife.

This was also an important reason why her engagement was easily broken off after Ning Xueqing made a scene at the birthday party of the Old Madam of Duke Xing's Mansion. Since she was not a legal wife, others naturally wouldn't respect her.

Ning Xueqing had been pregnant at that time. Although Ning Xueqing was inferior, she was no better than Ning Xueqing. Moreover, it was more justifiable for Childe Wang to marry Ning Xueqing for the sake of the offspring of the Wang family.

What was more, they grew up together, while she "tricked" him in an indecent way, and this jade pendant was the evidence!

"Clang!" The jade pendant fell to the ground from her hand with the sound of breaking, and everyone looked back with fear.

"Miss Wang, I am so sorry for breaking the jade pendant you gave me. How much is it? I will pay you!" Restraining the rage in her heart and raising her head, Qin Wanru said in panic.

It happened all of a sudden. The jade pendant fell and smashed into pieces before Qin Wanru held it firmly. Wang Yishu was stunned, but then stood up said with a blank face, "Second Miss Qin, what do you mean by saying that? Isn't this your jade pendant? Why do you say it's mine?"

She responded quickly. Although it happened suddenly, she, who understood Madam of Duke Xing's intention, would never recognize the jade pendant was hers in public.

She was supposed to give this jade pendant to Qin Wanru in the palace today. Wang Yishu didn't know what was going to happen next, but knew that this jade pendant belonged to her brother.

She could accomplish the task assigned by Madam of Duke Xing after giving this jade pendant to Qin Wanru when there was nobody around.

She was supposed to do that when nobody was around, but Qin Wanru did not show any intention of accompanying her to meet Rui'an Great Elder Princess. As Madam of Duke Xing expected, Qin Wanru would at least talk with Wang Yishu for a while even if she might not be willing to. Wang Yishu could lead her to a corner where she could give her the jade pendant.

Madam of Duke Xing also told Wang Yishu not to underestimate Qin Wanru, saying that she was a clever girl. Although she had promised before, she might go back on her words at that time. Nevertheless, since she had gone back on her words of introducing Wang Yishu to Rui'an Great Elder Princess, she would be too embarrassed to reject turning over the jade pendant to Qi Rongzhi.

Unexpectedly, Qin Wanru entered the tent directly after rejecting her. Wang Yishu had to follow her in and give her the jade pendant when no one was paying attention to them. When Wang Yishu was complacent, she saw the jade pendant fall and smash into pieces.

Accidents happened one after another. Looking at the debris on the ground, Wang Yishu was in a daze for a while. But fortunately she had never been a stupid girl. When pleasing Madam of Duke Xing, she was excellent in weighing her words and watching her expression. She immediately knew that she couldn't recognize this jade pendant belonged to her.

"Miss Wang, what do you mean? Why do you say this jade pendant belongs to me? It was wrapped in your handkerchief, wasn't it?" Qin Wanru said with a cold face and deep eyes.

"Second Miss Qin... I, I just show you this handkerchief. Why do you say that there is a jade pendant in it? You can ask these Young Madams, who has seen the jade pendant?" Wang Yishu was anxious, reached out to point at the Miss, who had held her handkerchief, and said.

The Miss shook her head blankly. Wang Yishu reacted very quickly, so she saw nothing. When Wang Yishu gave the jade pendant to Qin Wanru, they talked in a low voice, so she did not hear their conversation clearly. Nevertheless, she clearly heard their discussion of the handkerchief.

"Second Miss Qin, I saw a piece of jade in your cuff and thought it was gorgeous, so I wanted to have a look at it. Why do you say the jade pendant belongs to me after you accidentally dropped it? I obviously have no such jade pendant!" Wang Yishu said with red eyes, "It... It's the first time I've been to the palace, so I am afraid to do or say anything wrong. How dare I talk nonsense!"

As she said, she anxiously waved her hands in panic, which made others smell a rat in the matter. It was just a jade pendant. It was no big deal no matter who was the owner of it.

With a sign given by her master, a maid knelt down, picked up the jade pendant, which had smashed into four pieces, and looked at it. When she saw a character on the corner of the last piece of the jade pendant, her hands trembled and the fragment fell to the ground again.

"What's wrong?" asked the Miss.

"Miss, it is... it is a character. It seems to be a character from a man's name!" The maid stood up in a panic and hurriedly stepped back, as if the stuff on the ground was dirty.

"A character from a man's name?" The rest of the Young Madams stood up, looked at Qin Wanru and then looked at Wang Yishu, with no idea of whom they should believe.

Another maid knelt down, picked up the edge of the jade pendant and showed it to everyone. "It's the character 'Xue'!"

On hearing her words, Wang Yishu covered her mouth with a trace of horror on her face and stared at Qin Wanru in astonishment. She seemed to want to say something, but her mouth was immediately covered by herself. She looked extremely panic-stricken, seeming to have discovered something serious.

She did that abruptly, attracting everyone's attention. Seemingly noticing the horror on her face was too eye-catching, Wang Yishu put down her hand in embarrassment and forced an awkward smile.

"Miss Wang, have you seen this jade pendant?" asked a Miss.

"No... I haven't! I haven't seen it!" Wang Yishu said hurriedly and shook her head with her eyes drifting. Her extremely guilty look indicated she didn't tell the truth.

"Miss Wang, if you don't tell the truth, this jade pendant should belong to you. Do you know what crime is it to frame up the daughter of an appointed official?" Seeing her apparently guilty look, several Young Madams felt increasingly suspicious. Some other Young Madams had just entered the tent. At the sight of what was going on, a Young Madam said coldly.

In a word, if Wang Yishu didn't tell the truth, she was framing up Qin Wanru on purpose.

Without a prominent family background, the Wang's Mansion had relied on Duke Xing's Mansion. If she really framed up Qin Wanru in front of everyone, Madam of Duke Xing would be too embarrassed to defend her even if she wanted to.

Wang Yishu was panic-stricken with sweat on her forehead. She seemed to be forced to stamp on her foot, look towards Qin Wanru with a pitiful face and lower her voice, "Second Miss Qin, explain, explain to these Young Madams when you took my brother's jade pendant!"

Chapter 289 You Don't Have Any Evidence, but I Do

"Childe Wang's jade pendant?" With her face changing, a Miss involuntarily exclaimed.

Everyone else was stunned, looking at Qin Wanru with astonishment followed by sarcasm in their eyes. Qin Wanru had grown into a teenage girl with such a brilliant appearance, which had aroused others' jealousy. At this moment, they undisguisedly showed their contempt!

"Miss Wang, are you sure this is your brother's jade pendant?" Under the gaze of everyone, Qin Wanru leisurely wiped her palm with a handkerchief, as if to wipe the stain from her white and tender hand!

"My, my brother is Wang Shengxue. There, there is a character 'Xue' in his name!" Wang Yishu stuttered, but still nerved herself to say.

"So I don't understand why do you show me your brother's jade pendant and then say that it belongs to me. Do I know your brother?" Qin Wanru smiled slightly and said calmly.

This jade was smashed by Qin Wanru. She intended to catch Wang Yishu off guard by doing that. No matter what Wang Yishu had planned to do, smashing the jade pendant was definitely not part of it.

"I, I don't know, but this jade pendant really belongs to my brother. Many people in my aunt's mansion know that. We can ask my aunt Madam of Duke Xing to identify it!" Wang Yishu bit her lip and seemed to be forced to say that.

Ask Madam of Duke Xing to identify it. Since Wang Yishu could say that, she was naturally confident. Those, who still had some doubts about it, also looked towards Qin Wanru at this moment.

Since Wang Yishu really suggested they could ask someone as noble as Madam of Duke Xing to identify it, her words must be true!

Was there something behind the smashed jade pendant? Many Young Madams secretly guessed. Could it be possible that Wang Yishu asked to have a look at this jade pendant after noticing it might belong to her brother, but Qin Wanru was flustered and accidentally dropped and smashed it?

At the thought of this, they considered it seemingly made sense.

They looked at Qin Wanru with even more sarcasm in their eyes!

"Miss Wang, we meet each other for the first time today, right? I'm wondering what I did has offended you so that you frame me up with your brother's jade pendant?" Qin Wanru seemingly did not sense Wang Yishu's brutal tone and said with indifferent eyes. Without the slightest panic, she actually looked increasingly calm.

"I, I meet you for the first time today indeed. I don't know you know my brother!" Wang Yishu said with fear, seemingly too frightened to come to her senses.

"Miss Wang, do you insist this jade pendant belongs to me?" Qin Wanru asked lightly.

"It, it was originally brought out by you. I think it looks like my brother's jade pendant..." Wang Yishu replied very quickly. Neither of them mentioned Qi Rongzhi at this time. Qi Rongzhi was just an excuse for giving the jade pendant to Qin Wanru. Although it was not a perfect deployment, Wang Yishu considered she had taken control of the situation.

She looked terrified with a trace of complacency across her eyes.

She said to Qin Wanru in a very low voice, so at most the two maids around them could hear their conversation. However, Qin Wanru's maid obviously couldn't testify for Qin Wanru.

"You think it looks like your brother's jade pendant. Maybe it is?" Qin Wanru looked at Wang Yishu with a faint smile.

Qin Wanru had to take the jade pendant since it was given to Qi Rongzhi. After that, Wang Yishu could make others discover Qin Wanru had the jade pendant in somewhere else, and then stand out to claim it belonged to Wang Shengxue and even make someone else, who knew about this, say that. In this way, there would be sufficient evidence.

At the moment, Qin Wanru smashed the jade pendant before the follow-ups were deployed. Only Wang Yishu insisted the jade pendant belonged to Qin Wanru.

Looking back and forth with her rippling watery eyes, Qin Wanru had figured out Wang Yishu's plan. Madam of Duke Xing was worried about her survival and set another trap.

Madam of Duke Xing intended to kill her. After failing to do that, she intended to damage her reputation. If she had such an accident in the palace, even with her father as the backing, she could at most be a co-wife or even a concubine of Childe Wang this time.

Others would consider she played some trick to be engaged to Childe Wang. When Ning Xueqing appeared, she would become a vicious and mean lady who separated a couple of lovers, and then her engagement with Childe Wang would be broken off...

Her life would probably be ruined from here.

How vicious was Madam of Duke Xing to ruin all she got step by step, trample on all she got step by step and finally nail her to the stained land!

"It originally belongs to my brother!" Wang Yishu was startled by Qin Wanru's smile, but she soon came to her senses, cursed herself for her weakness and hurriedly shouted.

"I say you brought the jade pendant here to frame me up. You say this jade pendant was dropped from my hand. I'm wondering what evidence you have?" Qin Wanru squinted at Wang Yishu and said.

Her question made Wang Yishu stutter slightly. But Wang Yishu immediately asked her back loudly, "Second Miss Qin, you say this jade pendant is brought by me. Do you have any evidence?"

Although she could not prove this jade pendant was dropped from Qin Wanru, Qin Wanru also had no evidence to prove she gave this jade pendant to her.

It happened all of a sudden. Unexpectedly Qin Wanru suddenly dropped and smashed the jade pendant into pieces. Otherwise, she could make someone bump into Qin Wanru and make everyone see the jade pendant was dropped from Qin Wanru. In this way, Qin Wanru wouldn't be able to clarify the fact even if she had ten thousand mouths!

Her aunt said Qin Wanru was from a quite wealthy family. If Qin Wanru married her brother, it would certainly be helpful to her family business and her brother's official career. This was also the most important reason for Wang Yishu to do this.

The Wang family was neither powerful nor influential. Although they relied on Duke Xing's Mansion, they didn't have their own power. Many aristocratic families in the capital knew about the Wang family's background, which made it difficult for Wang Yishu to find a good match. Those whom she liked looked down upon her, while she looked down on those who liked her. She couldn't reach the high or accept the low, so she hadn't found a suitable match.

Her aunt had analyzed it for her. If her brother married Qin Wanru, her brother would certainly rise with the support of the Qin's Mansion and the background of Duke Yong's Mansion. The rise of her brother would naturally promote the entire Wang family and her status. At that time, she could marry anyone she liked.

Now the Qin's Mansion could be considered the family of a newly appointed official with real power. Besides, the First Miss Qin was going to marry into a decent mansion despite her bad reputation. Wang Yishu considered it negligible.

With this thought, she insisted the jade pendant belonged to Qin Wanru.

Qin Wanru was exactly waiting for these words from her. She glanced at Wang Yishu and said, "Miss Wang, I have evidence!"

In the moment, not only Wang Yishu was shocked, but everyone around them was dumbfounded. Qin Wanru actually had the evidence. Looking at Qin Wanru's calm face and then at Wang Yishu's panic-stricken eyes, all of them were confused.

"Nonsense. How can you have the evidence?" Wang Yishu shouted.

"I do have the evidence. I just want to ask why you intend to frame me up. We meet each other for the first time today. When Madam of Duke Xing sent someone to our mansion last time, she asked me to take care of you in the palace. Why do you intend to frame me up at our first meeting?"

Qin Wanru looked at Wang Yishu and asked with burning eyes.

It was almost impossible for a Miss to frame someone else up at their first meeting. A Miss living in the back yard was naturally able to frame someone up. Even if she hadn't experienced it, she must have seen it. However, with no grievances between them, it was impossible for her to frame Qin Wanru up. Moreover, they were in the palace where a mistake could lead to the everlasting perdition.

No one would do this kind of thing that was harmful to both of them!

Thinking over what Qin Wanru meant, everyone suddenly thought of Madam of Duke Xing. Could it be possible that there were some grievances between Madam of Duke Xing and the Qin's Mansion? Otherwise, Wang Yishu wouldn't frame anyone up for no reason.

"I don't know what you mean by saying that. I really didn't frame you up. This jade was held in your hand. I just saw it and asked about it, but you immediately smashed the jade pendant. If it weren't for the character on it, I still didn't recognize this jade pendant belongs to my brother!"

Looking at Qin Wanru's calm eyes, Wang Yishu was a little flustered. She slightly shifted her gaze to dodge Qin Wanru's burning eyes, and pretended to smile calmly.

"If I can prove this jade pendant belongs to you, can you tell the fact of framing me up?" Qin Wanru asked and raised her small face with a smile, leaving no time for Wang Yishu.

She had always been gorgeous. Although she was still young, the grace and charm in her soul made others unable to ignore her.

At this moment, she gracefully glared at Wang Yishu, who was a few years older than her. She, who was cool and prudent, looked more convincing than Wang Yishu, who was dodging her eyes. Her impressive demeanor of a Miss from an aristocratic family made everyone consider the Second Miss Qin more convincing.

"Could she be framed up intentionally?" Seeing the situation, someone started to whisper.

"It... looks like that!" Someone else echoed.

"Why does Wang Yishu intend to frame up the Miss from the Qin's Mansion? They had nothing to do with each other, right?" Another person doubted about it.

“Probably because of Duke Xing’s Mansion...” The Miss stopped here. The Young Madams who had answered and asked were shocked. They hurriedly covered their mouths with a handkerchief and stopped talking.

No one could talk about Duke Xing’s Mansion casually. However, speaking of this, they naturally figured out the answer was Madam of Duke Xing. Even though no one dared to go any further, they were wondering whether the Second Miss Qin had done something offensive to Madam of Duke Xing so that she was framed up today.

Everyone unconsciously believed in Qin Wanru’s words. Even though she had not yet presented the evidence, her calm look and unperturbed tone had been recognized by everyone!

“Second Miss Qin, show me the evidence, otherwise I will accuse you of framing me up!” On hearing the discussion among the people around her, Wang Yishu was really panic-stricken and bluffed loudly.

Qin Wanru knelt down, picked up a fragment of the jade pendant, swayed it in front of everyone and raised her red lips. “Here is the evidence!”

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Everyone involuntarily stared at the fragment of the jade pendant, but then looked confused. There was really nothing on the fragment. This was not even the fragment with a character.

Wang Yishu first panicked, and then became overjoyed. She raised her head with a sneer and said complacently, “Second Miss Qin, it’s just a fragment. What proof do you get?”

“I do have the proof!” Qin Wanru smiled slightly and swayed the fragment in front of a nearby Miss. “Miss, have you sniffed something?”

“A strong fragrance!” The Miss sniffed it and said honestly.

“That is Miss Wang’s handkerchief, right? I’m wondering if it has the same fragrance.” Qin Wanru squinted at the handkerchief which was still in a Miss’s hands at this moment.

The handkerchief made of colorful yarn belonged to Wang Yishu.

“They have the same fragrance!” The Miss had held the handkerchief, so she certainly had sniffed the strong fragrance. At this moment, she involuntarily exclaimed with her face changing immediately.

The handkerchief made of colorful yarn belonged to Wang Yishu, and the fragrance came from herself. This jade pendant had the same fragrance, which meant this jade pendant had been placed together with this handkerchief.

Wang Yishu had claimed this jade pendant was brought by Qin Wanru. Her lie was exposed at the moment.

When Qin Wanru mentioned the fragrance of her handkerchief, Wang Yishu felt like being struck by lightning, and her face immediately turned as pale as a piece of paper and seemingly would break at any time.

“Second Miss Qin, I don’t understand what you mean. Why would I take my brother’s jade pendant and secretly give it to you?” She strove to put on a calm look, but her hands clasped together involuntarily trembled.

“Miss Wang, I really don’t understand your intention. I don’t know you or your brother. You said that this jade pendant belongs to me. I panicked and smashed it after you saw it, and then I framed you up. But why does it have the fragrance from your handkerchief? At that time your handkerchief has been taken by several Young Madams. In this case, why does it have the fragrance?”

Qin Wanru looked at Wang Yishu with a touch of coldness in her eyes and said slowly.

Her calmness made Wang Yishu feel like her pale face was broken into pieces at the moment. She didn’t know why she fell into such a situation.

Originally she should just secretly give Qin Wanru the jade pendant.

After that, she could find an excuse to separate from Qin Wanru. What happened to Qin Wanru later and why the jade pendant fell from Qin Wanru would have nothing to do with her.

However, when she had just given the jade pendant to Qin Wanru, it was broken. What happened later was out of her control. With her back wet with cold sweat, she fixedly stared at Qin Wanru. “Second Miss Qin, I don’t understand what you mean. I’ll ask my aunt to reason things out!”

She would rather die than admit she had framed Qin Wanru up! She seemingly thought everything could be solved as long as Madam of Duke Xing came over, which made others believe it was related to Madam of Duke Xing!

Wang Yishu’s maid anxiously twisted her body and looked around nervously.

Seeing Wang Yishu bluffing, Qin Wanru asked casually, “Miss Wang, before I entered the palace today, I didn’t even know who you are. You’ve just told me your surname is Wang. Why would I frame someone up at the first meeting? And seem like have prepared for it!”

“I, I don’t know your intention. I meet you for the first time today, and you, you frame me up!” Wang Yishu gnashed her teeth and insisted on it. She couldn’t admit it anyway.

Her reputation would be severely damaged, even if such a thing happened in Duke Xing’s Mansion, not to mention they were in the palace.

She focused on explaining, but ignored she mentioned Madam of Duke Xing many times in her words. Now it was impossible for everyone not to relate Madam of Duke Xing to this.

Wang Yishu and Qin Wanru didn’t know each other before, but Madam of Duke Xing knew Qin Wanru. If this plan had been made early on, it couldn’t be possible that Qin Wanru framed up Madam of Duke Xing. Madam of Duke Xing seemed more like the one who framed up Qin Wanru anyway. But the question was why Madam of Duke Xing did this to a Young Madam who was from an aristocratic family and had just moved to the capital?

The question baffled them most!

The tent was very quiet at the moment, and all the Young Madams were waiting for the settlement.

Wang Yishu did not know that her explanation didn't clear herself of suspicion, but involved Madam of Duke Xing in it!

"Miss Wang, you stealthily pulled my master aside and talked with her after coming here. When other Young Madams wanted to see your handkerchief, you secretly handed over the stuff wrapped in the handkerchief to my master, and then smashed it on purpose and framed my master up. We are in the palace. Although you are the niece of Madam of Duke Xing, you can't hide the truth from the masses!"

Yujie said in anger, reached out to pick up a fragment of the jade pendant and handed it to a maid beside her. "Sniff it. Does it have the same fragrance of Miss Wang's handkerchief?"

After sniffing it, the maid passed it to others. Those who had sniffed the handkerchief all nodded. It was indeed the same fragrance which was very strong. It was obvious that this handkerchief had been held by Wang Yishu for a while and the jade pendant was definitely not just wrapped in the handkerchief. It meant the jade pendant had been wrapped in the handkerchief since Wang Yishu entered the palace. Wang Yishu's statement of seeing the jade pendant held by Qin Wanru was not true.

Wang Yishu could no longer hide the truth even if she strove to.

"It is weird. Why does Miss Wang frame Second Miss Qin up?" a Miss said slowly.

"It is weird indeed. Why can the daughter from a declined family enter the palace today?" Someone suspected why Wang Yishu could enter the palace today.

Wang Yishu's status was not noble enough to make her attend the feast held in the palace today.

"Just send someone to check how she entered the palace today!" Someone suggested. It was very easy to check this. The number of the invitation cards for entering the palace was limited, and the invitation cards would only be sent to some certain mansions. Those mansions that gave the invitation card to Wang Yishu were most likely to be involved in this matter.

In fact, there was no need to check. The Young Madams had already known this matter was related to Madam of Duke Xing, and Wang Yishu should get the invitation card for entering the palace from Duke Xing's Mansion.

Hearing the discussion around her, Wang Yishu became so flustered that her feet went weak and she almost fell.

The maid behind her hurriedly came to help her and then pinched her waist hard. Wang Yishu almost screamed with pain. However, she felt her knee was kicked heavily before screaming. She immediately realized something, closed her eyes, fell backwards and passed out.

"Miss, Miss!" The maid holding her yelled anxiously. As her hands went weak, Wang Yishu directly fell aside, and the maid also fell to the ground in panic.

They fell down hard. With her body bouncing slightly, Wang Yishu actually passed out.

Qin Wanru saw it clearly on the side. The maid kicked Wang Yishu, and Wang Yishu took the chance to pretend to pass out. But now she really fell down directly and passed out. The maid didn't intend to hold her, letting her fall to the ground directly with the back side of her head hit heavily against the ground paved with blue flagstones.

"Ah, blood, blood!" The maid didn't fall down as hard as Wang Yishu did. She hurriedly rushed over to help Wang Yishu up and raise her head. At the sight of the blood on the back side of her head, she shouted sharply.

Everyone saw in astonishment that the back side of Wang Yishu's head became increasingly bloody. Many Young Madams were scared to scream, and some of them hastened out of the tent in a great rush. All of them were in a mess.

The noise had already alerted others in the palace. A supervisor Nanny of the palace came over. Seeing this situation, she was also anxious with her face changing. The Young Madams, who came to the palace today, mostly had an unusual status, and some of them might even marry someone with a higher status. At this time, no matter who had an accident, she couldn't afford to take the responsibility.

So she hurriedly asked someone to help Wang Yishu out and sent someone to tell the imperial physicians. The tent was in a mess.

At this moment, the Empress came over with a large group of palace maids. Seeing a mess in front of her, she immediately glared at the major palace maid standing beside her with a cold face.

The major palace maid understood, hurriedly stepped forward and said loudly, "The Empress comes!"

Everyone presented at the moment knelt down and shouted, "Long live the Empress!"

"What happened here?" The Empress looked coldly at the Young Madams kneeling on the ground and said in a cold voice. She was not in a good mood today!

"Your Highness, the thing is..." Asked by the Empress, the supervisor Nanny hurriedly stepped forward to report it.

When Wang Yishu was sent to the Imperial Institute of Medicine, the supervisor Nanny had already figured out the ins and outs of the matter.

"Who is the Miss from the Qin's Mansion?" The Queen glanced over the crowd with her gloomy eyes and asked.

"Your Highness, I am!" Hearing herself mentioned, Qin Wanru hurriedly stepped forward to kneel down and bow again.

"You are the second Miss of the Qin's Mansion, who has almost been killed with Prince Chen?" With her gaze falling on Qin Wanru, the Empress said, "Look up?"

Up to now, there was enough time for the Empress to find out who Chu Liuchen intended to save and what had happened!

"It is me!" Qin Wanru looked up slightly without squinting.

The Empress's gaze fell on Qin Wanru's face, with increasing deepness in her eyes. After looking Qin Wanru up and down meaningfully, she asked, "Have you met the Miss from the Wang's Mansion?"

"Your Highness, I haven't," Qin Wanru replied.

"Since you haven't met her before, why does she intend to frame you up?" the Empress asked again.

"I, I've no idea. I only know that this jade pendant is brought by Miss Wang!" Sensing the burning gaze on her face, Qin Wanru became more and more cautious.

"Duke Xing's Mansion?" The Empress said in a deep tone, "Could it be possible you have a problem with Madam of Duke Xing?"

As an unmarried Miss living in the inner courtyard, she had a problem with Madam of Duke Xing, the wife of a powerful official. The meaning of the Empress' words was enough to arouse various thoughts.

Could it be some secrets behind it? Since they were supposed to be unrelated, how could Madam of Duke Xing have such a deep grievance against Qin Wanru? Could the attack at the entrance of the palace be related to Madam of Duke Xing?

The Empress' conjecture was actually the truth!

The others present were still kneeling down, but all stretched their ears to listen to Qin Wanru's explanation of the problem in front of the Empress...